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1. Many of the military installations in the Mailer (112-44, 42-15) area which were built by the Japanese before and after the Nomonhan Incident were destroyed by them immediately after the Japanese surrender. Because of the rapid advance of the Soviet troops, however, some of the artillery emplacements and certain installations remained intact. At the present time (1 September 1947) Outer Mongolians are engaged in the repair and reconstruction of some of the installations. Mailer is now a liaison center for Chinese Communist, Mongolian People's Republic and Soviet Far Eastern Forces.
2. The installations which remained intact or which have been repaired are as follows:
 - a. Ammunition depots in the hills east of the city.
 - b. Signal Corps and artillery positions between the East Hills and Nantun (Solon) (119-47, 42-10) which are complete (1 intact). One battalion of regular troops from the MPR Army with eight Soviet 122mm. howitzers is stationed in Nantun.
 - c. The air base near the East Hills is complete (1 intact). At the present time an Independent Air Brigade from Bayan Tumen (114-20, 42-04) occupies the field. There are between forty and fifty fighters there. At the end of August 1947 there were only ten fighter planes at the field.
 - d. The artillery emplacements in the East Hills have been reconstructed by MPR troops and are now garrisoned by an MPR artillery battalion, having eight Soviet 150mm. howitzers and some 100mm. cannons.
 - e. The red brick army barracks (1 in Mailer) were rebuilt and are now occupied by MPR troops - a unit of approximately 2,000 men who are well trained and equipped with light and heavy guns. Barracks (1 the same) back of the Mailer power station north of the railroad are being repaired.
 - f. The army hospital in Nantun is now complete (1 intact).
 - g. Artillery emplacements in the "Sand Mountain" area near Nantun are being repaired.

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- h. The barracks in Nantun are being repaired.
 - i. Barracks along the Argun River north of the railroad are being repaired.
 - j. Barracks along the road leading to the Three Rivers (Argun, Moerh, Min) District north of the railroad are being repaired. Artillery emplacements along the road leading to this district are being repaired by MPR troops. These emplacements are occupied by an artillery unit (? of MPR troops), fortified with field guns and howitzers. This artillery unit was organized by the Soviet Far Eastern Army and about one battalion of troops is permanently stationed in the area.
3. There is a considerable supply of ammunition and weapons, intended for Chinese Communist forces, stored at the Hailar railway station. As of 12 August 1947 there were twenty freight cars, filled with weapons and munitions, twenty-five ordinary freight cars, eight passenger cars, 3,000 tons of coal and 8,000 sleepers at the station. It is difficult to secure information on the movement of these military freight trains to and from Hailar. The movement of trains and other operations (?) are carried on by Soviet Railroad troops disguised as railroad employees.
 4. There is a warehouse for military clothing in front of the railway station to the right of the road which leads into Hailar. This warehouse was used by the Japanese. From the warehouse clothing is distributed to MPR and Chinese troops. Stored at the warehouse are the following items: winter army uniforms, 55,000; overcoats, 60,000; blankets, 60,000; summer uniforms, 18,000; and miscellaneous items, 30,000.
 5. At the Hailar power station there are five Chinese engineers, eight Chinese technicians, ten Russian technicians and twenty Chinese laborers.
 6. Public peace in Hailar is maintained by a Public Peace Unit (? Public Safety Bureau) organized by the Chinese Communist army and a garrison unit which is made up of White Russians.

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